

and wide for his activities throughout the years, along with wit and humor.

A few weeks ago, the 89-year-old Johnson began having some health problems, but doctors installed a pacemaker in his heart about a month ago, and he appears to be on the mend. Last week, his spirits got a little boost when State Senator Vernie McGaha paid him a visit, and made him a Kentucky Colonel on behalf of Gov. Paul Patton.

While visiting with Sen. McGaha, his son Bobby, and another friend, Johnson took a little while to reminisce about his years as a musician, farrier and trader—and even play a tune or two on his fiddle.

"I've been playing a fiddle over 80 years," Johnson said while sitting on the porch of his home, "When I was six years old, Daddy made me a little cigar box fiddle.

"I started playing it, and that's all I wanted to do," he continued, "I got so where I wouldn't help Momma pack in the water or wood, and she got mad and threw it out the window.

"Eight days later, Daddy went to town and bought me a three-quarter size fiddle. He brought it home, gave it to me, and told Momma 'This don't go out the window.'"

Johnson kept playing his fiddle and before too many years had passed, was traveling quite a bit to play music (In an article about Johnson that appeared a few years ago in the Russell Register, he was quoted as saying "I found out it was a lot easier to earn money by playing a fiddle at night than it was to hoe in the fields all day long.")

He played for a long time with String Bean, who later went on to the Grand Ole Opry and also made many appearances on Hee Haw.

He also played for a good while with Uncle Henry's Kentucky Mountaineers. The group played weekly on a Lexington radio station for three years, then got a chance to audition for the Grand Ole Opry.

"We went down there and played, and they offered to hire us," he recalled. "But, we decided not to go because it was too far.

Uncle Henry's group also went to Chicago to perform for a while, Johnson didn't go. "Casey Jones took my place when the band went to Chicago," he said.

Johnson also played at a weekly square dance that was held in Columbia for two years, but in the 1940s, he gave up playing his fiddle on a regular basis, and took up his other two professions—shoeing horses and trading dogs.

Johnson shoeed horses for many years—including many race horses that raced at the country fairs in Russell and Adair counties. He shoeed so many Russell County Derby winners (along with several Adair County Derby winners) that he was given special recognition at the Russell County Fair one year.

He kept on shoeing horses way past the time most people would have retired, even shoeing 18 horses in one day when he was 68 years old.

"They always said it took a strong back and a weak mind to shoe horses," he said, "and I guess I was well qualified, for I had them both."

While he's played music and shoeed horses for years, Johnson's main reputation has been gained as a dog trader. In dog trading circles, he's known all over Kentucky and several other states.

"I've been trading dogs for 55 years," he said "I've sold a many a load of dogs in North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and other states. I've owned a many a good dog, and a lot that weren't no count at all."

Johnson said that he traded fox hounds for 43 years, then 12 years ago switched to bea-

gles. A few weeks ago, when he was sick, he sold all the beagles he had.

"I had six, and sold them all," he said. "This is the first time in 35 years that I haven't had a dog, but I'm going to get me some more when I get able."

On his being made a Kentucky Colonel at the age of 89, Johnson admitted he was quite pleased to receive the commission.

"I'm proud to be a Kentucky Colonel, it's about the only thing I've got now that I ain't got no dogs," he said. And, referring to the Kentucky Colonel certificate, which lists him as the Honorable Walker Johnson, he added, "I've been a long time finding out I was honorable—I was always called something else."•

HONORING FOSTER PARENTS

• Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize a very special group of people. I commend Missouri's foster parents for their dedication to helping the lives of children. Every day, caring people open up their homes for children who are in need of help. Currently, Missouri is home to approximately 4,416 foster families.

Being a foster parent takes tremendous skill and dedication. Foster parents have to go through a training and assessment program in order to have a better understanding of the challenges that they will face raising foster children. Foster parents work as a team with experts from state agencies to provide care that is in the best interest of the child.

Of special note are two extraordinary Missourians. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Garner of Lexington, MO, have unselfishly been foster parents to 236 kids. Their dedication throughout the years stems from a life-long commitment to serving their community and children who are in need of a loving home.

I commend the Garners and all of the foster parents in Missouri for their efforts on behalf of Missouri's children. Thank you for making me proud to be a Missourian.●

IN MEMORY OF BILL ASHWORTH

• Mr. SARBANES. Madam President, earlier this week the Senate lost one of its finest and most respected professional staff members. George William Ashworth, known to all of us as Bill, passed away suddenly on Monday, leaving not only his loving family and a multitude of friends, but a 25-year record of extraordinary public service.

I first came to know Bill when I joined the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1977. He had been serving on the staff, which was then non-partisan, since 1972, after having served two years in the U.S. Army and then covering the Pentagon and national security issues for the Christian Science Monitor. He came to the Committee as a specialist on arms control matters, and provided expert advice to all of us as we considered landmark treaties

such as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Threshold Test Ban Treaty, the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty, and the Interim Agreement on Strategic Offensive Arms SALT I. Bill not only understood the details and implications of complex treaty provisions, but could explain them in a way that made clear the vital interests at stake. He had a passion for helping to build an institutional framework for peace and stability, at a time when the threat of mutual assured destruction shaped nearly every aspect of U.S. foreign policy.

After 7 years with the committee, Bill was appointed to important positions at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, one of which required Senate confirmation. In 1981, he returned to the Committee staff, this time under the leadership of Senator Claiborne Pell, where again he brought his vast experience to bear on the establishment of sensible and verifiable controls on nuclear arms. Over the next 16 years, until his retirement in 1997, Bill Ashworth became one of the most knowledgeable and influential staff members on national security questions, ranging from conventional weapons sales and military assistance to multilateral arms control treaties. He served as a key staffer for the bipartisan Arms Control Observer Group, briefing Members and planning missions to increase our familiarity with salient issues under negotiations. Many of us relied on his insights and guidance as the Foreign Relations Committee considered amendments to the Arms Export Control Act, controversial arms sales, foreign policy implications of the annual defense authorization and appropriation bills, and resolutions of ratification for the START I and II Treaties, the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces INF Treaty, the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, CFE, and the Chemical Weapons Convention, among others.

In all these endeavors, Bill developed cooperative working relationships with colleagues on both sides of the aisle while remaining true to his high ideals and strongly-held convictions. He was known as a hard bargainer, who took seriously his role in conducting oversight of the administration and protecting the interests of Committee members. Many an ill-conceived policy was dropped or amended because of Bill's close eye and sharp mind. He served as an example and mentor to my own staff, selflessly providing advice and encouragement at every turn.

Bill Ashworth's influence will long be felt in the field to which he devoted his career, but his presence will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Linda, and his daughters, Anne and Jennifer. It was clear to all of us how much Bill

adored his family, and I want to thank them for all the late hours and stressful moments they must have endured while he was diligently working to make the world a safer place for all of us.●

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES BIANCO AND ANTHONY BIANCO

● Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I rise today to recognize a very distinguished father and son duo from the State of Washington, Dr. James Bianco and his father, Anthony Bianco.

Jim Bianco is the CEO of Cell Therapeutics Inc., a Seattle-based company that develops cancer therapies. Recently, Jim was honored by the National Organization of Rare Diseases, NORD, for his distinguished work.

Jim's father, Anthony Bianco, also just received some long-overdue recognition for his military service to our Nation. During World War II, Tony Bianco was a pilot with the 32nd bomb squadron. Our Christmas Day, 1944, Tony was not required to fly. But he choose to fly that day in service to his country. On that mission over Czechoslovakia, his squadron was attacked. Shrapnel came through the floor of his B-17, entered his lower leg, and exited through his knee. It was a serious injury, yet Tony managed to land his plane safely. He spent the next nine months in a hospital in Italy before being sent back to the United States.

Because of the recovery time for his injury and the coinciding of the end of the War, Tony was never given his 2nd Lieutenant bars. Tony's son Jim just recently discovered this oversight, and has worked diligently to get his father the recognition he deserves.

Recently, Jim was able to present his father Tony with his 2nd Lieutenant bars in recognition of his correct status after his bravery in World War II. I, too, would like to recognize Anthony Bianco and thank him for his brave service to our country. Congratulations should go to both of these men, and a heartfelt thanks to both of them for serving our country.●

HONORING REAL LIFE WITH MARY AMOROSO

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Madam President, I rise today to bring to your attention a noteworthy television program as we in Government continue to encourage broadcasters to produce more "family entertainment" programming. It is a program that reflects a commitment to family programming by a cable television network and an individual, Mary Amoroso.

The program is called "Real Life with Mary Amoroso," and appears on the Comcast Cable Network's CN8 Channel. It can be seen in about four million households from the Washington DC to New York City mid-Atlantic region.

Completing its fifth season, the program is a multiple Emmy Award nominee. With criticism around the country about a lack of quality family programming, *Real Life with Mary Amoroso* has stood as proud proof that family entertainment can be accomplished.

Real Life with Mary Amoroso has tackled issues ranging from grieving for the loss of a child to finding a job after you've been laid off to Internet dating. The show has focused on government's involvement in personal lives, in topics ranging from the human impacts of Federal approval of stem-cell research to the effect of divorce on today's families.

In fact, comedian/philosopher, Steve Allen, father of the talk-show format, told the show's producers that he'd never had a better interview after he appeared on the program to talk about "Dumbth"—his book about the "dumbing-down" of American discourse.

"We talk about birth, death, dating, child development and parenting issues, addictions and abuse, public range and school yard shootings, mid-life crises, and aging," said show host Mary Amoroso. "If our viewers are living it and worrying about it, we want to talk about it and offer them resources and connections."

I would like to recognize Ms. Amoroso, who is also a columnist on family issues for the Bergen Record newspaper in New Jersey, for her excellent work and dedication to these family-friendly formats. The Comcast cable television network and the Roberts family owners also deserve a great deal of credit for its commitment to this initiative.●

IN MEMORY OF SARAH MAE SHOEMAKER CALHOON

● Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I rise today to commemorate the passing of a wonderful woman, mother, and American, Sarah Mae Shoemaker Calhoon died on July 7, 2001 outside of Columbus, OH after a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Calhoon was 75 years old.

Mrs. Calhoon was born on August 31, 1925 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Samuel and Sarah Mae Shoemaker. She spent her childhood in Philadelphia, where she would graduate from Cheltenham High School. On August 29, 1947, just two days before her 22nd birthday, Sarah Mae Shoemaker was married to Tom Calhoon, a Marine from nearby Grandview Heights.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon had their first child, Tom, Jr. or "little" Tom as they often called him, early in their marriage. In September of 1948, Tom, Sarah, and "little" Tom moved to Columbus, OH, where, over the next 4 years would become the proud parents of three more sons, Sam, Don, and

Bob. Their only daughter, Susie, would be born in April of 1961.

Although I did not know Sarah Mae Calhoon personally, I have known her son Tom for more than half of my life. We met as undergraduates at Ohio State University in the 1960s and have been fraternity brothers for more than three decades. Despite living so far from each other, Tom and I have managed to keep in touch over the years. It is often said that all children are a reflection of their parents. If Tom is even a faint reflection of his mother, it is a great tribute to the values she carried throughout her life and instilled in her children.

Since her recent passing, I have heard and read many wonderful things about Sarah Mae Calhoon. I have learned about her strong commitment to the community of Columbus, whether it be through her active membership in a variety of organizations like the PTA, 4-H, the Lions Auxiliary or in her unofficial role as the "zoning watchdog" of the Calhoon's neighborhood on Old Cemetery Road. I have read about her great success as a multi-million dollar producer in the real estate industry. I have heard, from both former customers and competitors alike, about the dedication, loyalty, and integrity that she brought to her job every day.

Most importantly, however, I have learned about her unfailing commitment to being a mother and wife. Nothing was more precious to Sarah Calhoon than her family, and she did all she could to ensure that all of her children grew up in a loving and nurturing environment that would enable them to go on to lead valuable and fulfilling lives. She consistently put the needs, concerns, and feelings of her family and others before her own wishes, never asking for much but always giving a great deal. Her life served as an example, providing inspiration to women everywhere struggling to maintain the careful balance between career and family, a task that she carried out with admirable grace and skill.

Everything that I have learned about Sarah Mae Calhoon since her death has only confirmed what I had always pictured my good friend Tom's mother would be like: the epitome of an exemplary wife, mother, business woman, and citizen.

In closing, I would like to extend my greatest condolences to her husband, their five children, seven grandchildren, and countless others whose lives were touched by this wonderful woman. As we celebrate her remarkable life, let it be known that Sarah Mae Calhoon will be dearly missed, yet never forgotten.●